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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR BIO INFORMATION

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1. COLLET'S FIRST NAME IS CLAUDE AND NOT PIERRE AS INDICATED REFTEL. BRIEF BIO INFO ON COLLET WAS CONTAINED IN PARIS A-14 OF JAN. 9, 1974 REPORTING HIS APPOINTMENT TO PRESENT POSITION AS DIRECTOR OF GROUND TRANSPORTATION IN THE STATE SECRETARIAT OF TRANSPORTATION. (N. B. RE PARA 1 REFTEL, THERE IS NO "MINISTRY" OF TRANSPORTATION AS SUCH IN GOF ORGANIZATION AT PRESENT TIME.) FOR DEPT.'S CONVENIENCE AND ALSO SUPPLEMENTING PARIS A-14 INFO, BRIEF BIO DATA ON COLLET FOLLOWS: BORN 1926 IN VITRE IN BRITTANY. GRADUATE OF ECOLE NATIONALE D'ADMINISTRATION (ENA). HAS RANK OF ADMINISTRATEUR CIVIL IN FRENCH CIVIL SERVICE. IN 1958-59 SERVED IN CABINET OF MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THEREAFTER WAS IN CHARGE OF ROAD TRANSPORTATION IN DIRECTORATE OF SURFACE TRANSPORTATION OF THEN MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION. IN SEPT. 1967 WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AT SECRETARIAT GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (SGAC) ALSO IN TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY, AND WAS APPOINTED TO HIS PRESENT POST IN JANUARY 1974.

COMMENT: COLLET IS HIGHEST-RANKING CIVIL SERVANT

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RESPONSIBLE FOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION MATTERS IN GOF.

HE IS WELL KNOWN TO EMBASSY AND TO VISITING DOT OFFICIALS. HE HAS A QUICK MIND, KNOWS HIS SUBJECT MATTER ADMIRABLY, AND IS RELAXED AND EASY-GOING IN MANNER. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

2. GUITARD, WHO IS IN HIS EARLY FIFTIES, IS ALSO A GRADUATE OF ENA. HE WAS HEAD OF COMPANY WHICH OPERATES MUNICIPAL TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN TOULOUSE WHEN APPOINTED TO PRESENT POSITION BY HIS GOOD FRIEND STATE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORT CAVAILLE, WHO WAS VICE-MAYOR OF TOULOUSE. PRIOR TO TOULOUSE EMPLOYMENT GUITARD WAS WITH OFFICE NATIONALE D'AZOTE (NATIONAL NITROGEN OFFICE). COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH GUITARD.

3. ARTAUD-MARCARI WAS BORN IN 1912 NEAR NICE. CAREER CIVIL SERVANT. BEGAN HIS SERVICE IN FINANCE MINISTRY, WAS IN THE CABINET OF PUBLIC WORKS MINISTER IN LATE FORTIES, THEREAFTER WAS ASSIGNED TO TOURISM OFFICE, AND WAS COLLET'S PREDECESSOR ON ROAD TRANSPORTATION MATTERS IN TRANSPORT MINISTRY. HE IS NOW INSPECTOR GENERAL IN STATE SECRETARIAT OF TRANSPORTATION AND ALSO HEADS HIGH COUNCIL FOR TRANSPORTATION, WHICH IS ADVISORY BODY CONSULTED ON MATTERS OF GENERAL POLICY AND COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION AND MEMBERSHIP OF WHICH IS DRAWN FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES AND PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR. ARTAUD-MARCARI ALSO CHAIRS THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE ON GROUND TRANSPORTATION. COMMENT: ARTAUD-MARCARI IS SKILLED BUREAUCRAT WHO IS VERY WELL-CONNECTED WITHIN THE FRENCH ADMINISTRATION, WE UNDERSTAND. HE IS CONSIDERED ESPECIALLY DEFT IN HUMAN RELATIONS, AS RESULT OF WHICH HE IS OFTEN ASKED TO TAKE ON TROUBLE-SHOOTING ROLES. SPEAKS ENGLISH.

4. COLLET DISCOURAGED PROVIDING OF PHOTOGRAPHS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE.
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